

Frackfree Cleveland Minutes. Hartlepool Old Boys Rugby Club.

10th March 2016.

7.30pm.

Those present: Spana, Neil, Annette and Roy.

Apologies from Sarah.

Welcome to the FF Hartlepool group member.

1 Outreach and networking was discussed. The member from FF Hartlepool put forward that FFCleveland and FF Hartlepool join together at the Durham Miners gala following the procession with our banner. He informed the group that the NUM are against U.C.G. As a process which is dangerous and not within the remit of the NUM. Spana said he would liaise with Mo on this matter. Spana will report back at the next FFC meeting.

2 Ralph a member from Easington Action group has agreed to host a stall with FFC in the summer months. It was agreed that these stalls should take place geographically between Seaton and Hartlepool.

3. There is to be a Divestment day at Durham University the date is to be confirmed at FFC next meeting.

4. The collapse of Five Quarter was discussed. It was hoped that FFC was instrumental in the downfall of Five Quarter. It was maybe because they had underestimated the public feeling against UCG. The residents whose lives would have been directly affected by this process had been a major factor in dissuading investment in Five Quarter.

5. The Five Quarter coal licences were discussed which are now reavailable. It was agreed that we should investigate and follow these recently available licenses closely.

Events.

The Reclaim The Power event taking place 30th May 2016 to 4th May 2016 was discussed. It was thought imprudent by two of the members to attend this if we were including NUM in our protest strategy. However, Annette thought it was far more holistic to avoid inclusion of NUM in any protest as all fossil fuels were the problem and there could be no half measures on this issue as coal after all is a fossil fuel. Neil and Annette would be attending the Reclaim The Power event as this was totally against all fossil fuels.

AOB.

The expenses were discussed and agreed. Receipts received and repaid for Outreach materials. All were duly noted.

Annette agreed to write to 38 degrees for the next round of funding and to report to the next FFC meeting on the current amount available in FFC account.

Annette would contact the signatories to arrange a visit to reclaim expenses.

The meeting ended at 9.05pm.

Next FFC meeting to be Thursday 14th April 2016.

